

## CLAIMS

1. A recording apparatus for recording a content on a recording medium,  
wherein the recording apparatus acquires copyright processing  
5 information related to copyright processing recorded on the recording medium  
and determines whether or not to record the content based on the copyright  
processing information.

2. A recording apparatus for recording a content on a recording medium,  
10 the recording apparatus comprising:

a judgment unit for determining whether or not copyright processing  
information exists on the recording medium; and

a content recording unit for recording the content on the recording  
medium only when existence of the copyright processing information is  
15 determined by the judgment unit.

3. A recording apparatus for recording a content on a recording medium,  
the recording apparatus comprising:

an apparatus-side information holding unit for holding copyright  
20 processing information;

a medium-side information acquiring unit for acquiring copyright  
processing information recorded on the recording medium;

a record judgment unit for determining whether or not to record the  
content based on the copyright processing information held by the  
25 apparatus-side information holding unit and the copyright processing  
information acquired by the medium-side information acquiring unit; and

a content recording unit for recording the content on the recording

medium only when recording is determined by the record judgment unit.

4. A recording apparatus according to claim 3,

5 wherein the record judgment unit determines that the content is recorded only when the copyright processing information held by the apparatus-side information holding unit matches with the copyright processing information acquired by the medium-side information acquiring unit.

5. A recording apparatus for recording a content on a recording medium,

10 the recording apparatus comprising:

a judgment unit for determining whether or not copyright processing information exists on the recording medium;

a recording method determining unit for determining a content recording method based on a determination result by the judgment unit; and

15 a content recording unit for recording the content on the recording medium based on the determination by the recording method determining unit;

6. A recording apparatus for recording a content on a recording medium,

the recording apparatus comprising:

20 an apparatus-side information holding unit for holding copyright processing information;

a medium-side information acquiring unit for acquiring copyright processing information recorded on the recording medium;

25 a recording method determining unit for determining a content recording method based on the copyright processing information held by the apparatus-side information holding unit and the copyright processing information acquired by the medium-side information acquiring unit; and

a content recording unit for recording the content on the recording medium based on the determination by the recording method determining unit.

7. A recording apparatus according to claim 5 or claim 6,

5            wherein the recording method determined by the recording method determining unit comprises a method of recording all data of the content and a method of recording only partial data of the content.

8. A recording apparatus according to claim 5 or claim 6,

10           wherein the recording method determined by the recording method determining unit comprises a method of recording the content as it is and a method of encrypting and recording the content.

9. A recording apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising:

15           an input information reception unit for receiving an input of input information required for the copyright processing when nonexistence of the copyright processing information is determined by the judgment unit; and

             an input information transmitting unit for transmitting the input information received by the input information reception unit,

20           wherein the content recording unit records the content on the recording medium based on at least one of the input information and result information.

10. A recording apparatus according to claim 3 or claim 4, further

25           comprising:

             an input information reception unit for receiving an input of input information required for the copyright processing when non-recording is

determined by the record judgment unit; and

an input information transmitting unit for transmitting the input information received by the input information reception unit,

wherein further determination by the record judgment unit is performed based on at least one of the input information and result information.

11. A recording apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising:

an input information reception unit for receiving an input of input information required for the copyright processing when nonexistence of the copyright processing information is determined by the record judgment unit; and

an input information transmitting unit for transmitting the input information received by the input information reception unit,

wherein the recording method determining unit determines a recording method based on at least one of the input information transmitted by the input information transmitting unit and result information.

12. A recording apparatus according to claim 7 or claim 8, further comprising:

an input information reception unit for receiving an input of input information required for the copyright processing when the recording method determining unit determines a certain method other than the method of recording all data of the content as it is; and

an input information transmitting unit for transmitting the input information received by the input information reception unit,

wherein further determination by the recording method determining

unit is performed based on the input information.

13. A recording medium on which copyright processing information is previously recorded.

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14. A recording medium according to claim 13,

wherein the recording medium is attachable to or detachable from a recording apparatus.

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15. A recording medium according to claim 13 or claim 14,

wherein the recording medium is an optical disk, and stores the copyright processing information in a region separated from a region for storing a content.

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16. A transmitting method for correspondingly transmitting a content and copyright processing information, the content being to be recorded on the recording medium by the recording apparatus according to one of claim 1 to claim 12, the copyright processing information being related to copyright processing of the content in a pair.

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17. A computer readable program for recording a content on a recording medium, the program comprising the steps of:

acquiring copyright processing information related to copyright processing recorded on the recording medium;

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determining whether or not to record the content based on the copyright processing information; and

recording the content based on the determination in the step of

determining.

18. A computer readable program for recording a content on a recording medium, the program comprising the steps of:

5           acquiring medium-side copyright processing information recorded on the recording medium; and

          recording the content on the recording medium based on previously held copyright processing information and the copyright processing information acquired in the step of acquiring medium-side information.

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19. A computer readable program according to claim 17, further comprising the steps of:

          receiving an input of input information required for the copyright processing when nonexistence of the copyright processing information is  
15   determined in the step of determining; and

          transmitting the input information received by the input information reception unit.

20   20. A transmitter for correspondingly transmitting a content to be recorded on the recording medium by the recording apparatus according to one of claim 1 to claim 12 and copyright processing information related to copyright processing of the content.

25   21. An accounting processor for receiving input information from the recording apparatus according to one of claim 9 to claim 12 and performing accounting processing, the accounting processor comprising:

          an input information receiving unit for receiving the input

information; and

an accounting unit for performing accounting processing based on the input information received by the input information receiving unit.

5        22. An accounting processor according to claim 21, further comprising:

a processing result generating unit for generating result information indicating processing result of the input information received by the input information receiving unit; and

a processing result transmitting unit for transmitting the processing  
10 result generated by the processing result generating unit.

23. An accounting processor according to claim 21 or claim 22, wherein

the input information includes copyright processing level information, and

15        the accounting unit has an accounting fee determining means for determining an accounting fee based on the copyright processing level information.

24. An accounting processor according to one of claim 21 to claim 23,

20        wherein

the input information includes copyright processing society identifiers, and

the accounting unit has an accounting fee summarizing means for summarizing an accounting fee for each copyright processing society identifier.

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25. An accounting processor according to one of claim 22 to claim 24,

wherein the result information includes copyright processing

information.